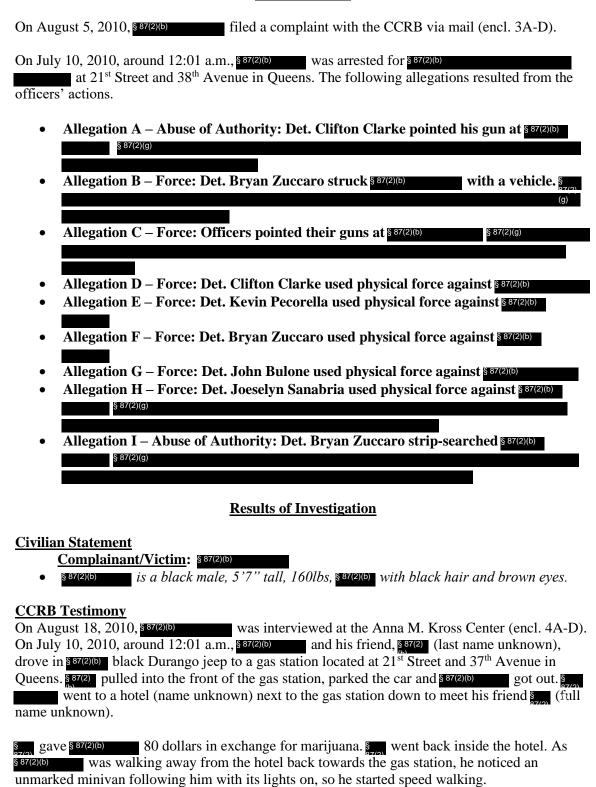
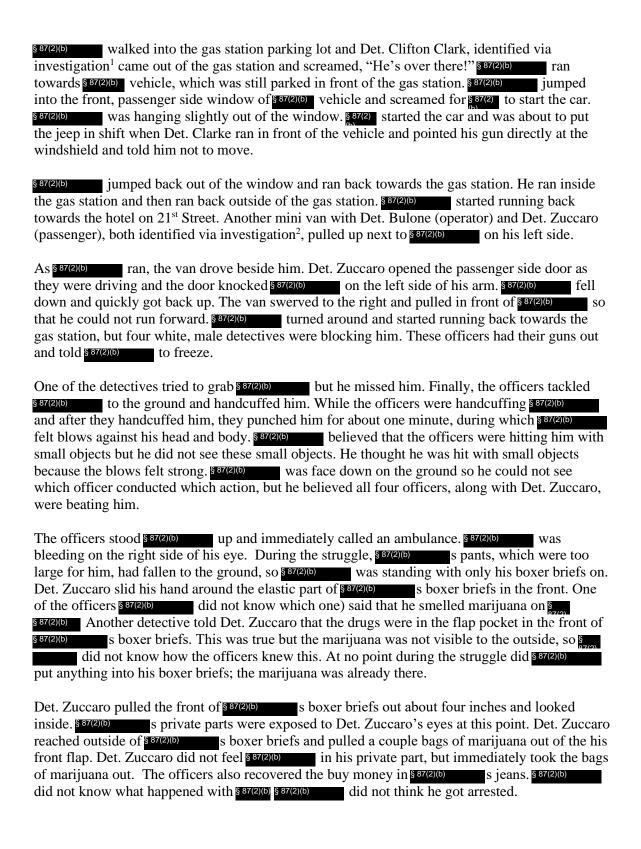
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	✓ Force	☐ Discourt.	U.S.
Maryann Wong		Team # 2	201010741	✓ Abuse	O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:	•	Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Saturday, 07/10/2010 1:10 AM		38th Avenue and 21st S	Street	114	1/10/2012	1/10/2012
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	Date/Tim	e Received at CC	RB
Thu, 08/05/2010 12:25 PM		CCRB	Mail	Thu, 08/0	5/2010 12:25 PM	I
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess	,		
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. Officers						
2. DT3 Kevin Pecorella	03245	921665	NARCBQN			
3. DT3 Clifton Clarke	07333	916961	NARCBQN			
4. DT3 Bryan Zuccaro	02449	931484	NARCBQN			
5. DT3 Joeselyn Sanabria	04087	929115	NARCBQN			
6. DT3 John Bulone	03275	929797	NARCBQN			
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	Tax No	Cmd Name			
1. SGT Terence Curran	02389	902731	NARCBQN			
2. DT2 Darrell Julien	06746	923999	NARCBQN			
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on		Inv	estigator Recor	nmendation
A.DT3 Clifton Clarke	Abuse: Det. Clifton Clarke pointed his gun.					
B.DT3 Bryan Zuccaro	Force: Det. Bryan Zuccaro struck \$87(2)(b) with a vehicle.					
C. Officers	Force: Officers pointed their guns at \$87(2)(b)					
D.DT3 Clifton Clarke	Force: Det. Clifton Clarke used physical force against \$87(2)(b)					
E.DT3 Kevin Pecorella	Force: Det. Kevin Pecorella used physical force against \$87(2)(b)					
F.DT3 Bryan Zuccaro	Force: Det. Bryan Zuccaro used physical force against \$87(2)(b)					
G.DT3 John Bulone	Force: Det. John Bulone used physical force against § 87(2)(b)					
H.DT3 Joeselyn Sanabria	Force: Det. Joeselyn Sanabria used physical force against 87(2)(b)					
LDT3 Bryan Zuccaro	Abuse: Det. Bryan Zuccaro strip-searched § 87(2)(b)					

Case Summary



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described Det. Clarke as a black male, 5'4" tall, heavyset, and in his forties or fifties.

² § 87(2)(b) described the detectives as white males in their forties or fifties with gray hair.

The ambulance did not show up, so after about 20-30 minutes, two detectives drove \$87(2)(b) to \$87(2)(b) where \$87(2)(b) received five stitches to the gash in his head. \$37(2)(b) also sustained scrapes and bruises to his body for which he was given an X-Ray.
Civilians not Interviewed
was unable to provide the investigation with \$87(2)(b) full name or his contact information.
NYPD Statements
Subject Officer: DETECTIVE KEVIN PECORELLA
 Detective Pecorella is a white male, 5'10" tall, 255lbs, age with brown hair and brown eyes.
• On July 10, 2010, Detective Pecorella worked from 8:27 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., was assigned as the arresting officer, worked with Sergeant Bryan Curran and Detective Joeselyn Sanabria in the Leader Van (Det. Sanabria was the operator, Sgt. Curran sat in the front, passenger seat and Det. Pecorella sat in the back) and dressed in plainclothes.
Memo Book Detective Pecorella had the following memo book entry regarding the incident: At 1:10 a.m., one under at the corner of 38th Avenue and 20th Street.
On September 3, 2010, Detective Kevin Pecorella was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 5A-D). The detectives were part of a buy-and-bust operation. The undercover made a buy with and started running south on 21st Street towards. Shell gas station and the detectives in the chase van, Bryan Zuccaro and John Bulone, followed him in their vehicle. The detectives in the prisoner van, Darrel Julien and Clifton Clarke, were also following street in their vehicle. At one point, Det. Clarke got out and started running after street on foot. Det. Pecorella did not see Det. Clarke with his gun out. No other officer had his gun out.
jumped in the passenger side window of a black SUV which was parked at the gas station. The driver inside the vehicle pushed him out and \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ started running north on 21st Street. The chase van (with Det. Zuccaro and Det. Bulone) pulled in front of \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ and blocked him from running further. Det. Pecorella's van also did a U-turn and started going towards \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ in order to block him in. Det. Zuccaro never opened his van door against \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ and \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ did not fall down. When the chase van pulled in front of \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{87(2)(b)}\$ he turned back around and ran directly into Det. Clarke. Both men collided heads and fell to the ground backwards. The field team moved in to assist Det. Clarke.
Det. Zuccaro, Det. Bulone and Det. Sanabria struggled with \$87(2)(b) as he resisted by throwing his arms in the air, pushing and kicking. Det. Pecorella ran out of his van and assisted them. The officers did not punch \$87(2)(b) but tried to hold him on the ground. Det. Pecorella

s pants fell down during the struggle exposing his boxers and Detective Pecorella pulled them up. One of the detectives (Detective Pecorella did not know which one or if it was him) conducted a search incident to arrest to find the buy money and drugs. Detective Pecorella did not remember where the buy money and drugs were found, but he believed they were found

did not use any small objects and neither did any other officer. At no time did Detective Pecorella

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have his gun out.

in \$87(2)(b) s pocket. Det. Pecorella did not pull the front part of \$87(2)(b) s boxers out and look inside at his private parts. He did not see any other detective conduct this action.
was taken to \$87(2)(b) where he received stitches to his head. Detective Clarke was also treated at \$87(2)(b) for injuries to his head.
 Subject Officer: DETECTIVE BRYAN ZUCCARO Det. Zuccaro is a white male, 5'6" tall, 180lbs, 887(2)(b) with hazel eyes. On July 10, 2010, Det. Zuccaro worked from 8:27 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following day, was assigned to the Chase Car, worked with Det. Bulone, dressed in plainclothes and was the recorder of the unmarked police vehicle.
Memo Book Detective Zuccaro had the following memo book entry regarding the incident: At 1:10 a.m., one under at 38 th Avenue and 21 st Street. At 1:20 a.m., 98 (present on scene) at §87(2)(6)
CCRB Testimony On September 14, 2010, Detective Zuccaro was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 6A-E). 107(2)(9) He added the following information.
When \$87(2)(b) started running away from the gas station, Det. Zuccaro and Det. Bulone drov beside him. The detectives pulled in front of the \$87(2)(b) in order to block him from running further; the van never touched \$87(2)(b) The detectives stopped the van and Det. Zuccaro opened the passenger side door in order to jump out. \$87(2)(b) ran up and pushed the door closed with both hands. \$87(2)(b) did not fall down. \$87(2)(b) turned around, ran back towards the Shell gas station and ran directly into Det. Clarke; both men collided heads and both fell backwards into each direction.
tried to jump back up, but Det. Clarke grabbed \$87(2)(b) s ankle so that he could not get away. \$87(2)(b) jumped up and Det. Zuccaro and other detectives ran towards him and brought him to the ground. Det. Zuccaro never drew his gun. \$87(2)(b) struggled by rolling around on the ground and flailing his arms. Det. Zuccaro did not punch \$87(2)(b) but held down his leg.
While \$87(2)(b) was running, he was shedding his clothes; Det. Zuccaro assumed that he was trying to change his appearance. After being handcuffed, Det. Zuccaro noticed that \$87(2)(b) spants had fallen down. Det. Zuccaro did not search \$67(2)(b) incident to arrest; he assumed that Det. Pecorella searched him because he was the arresting officer. Det. Zuccaro did go with \$67(2)(b) to the hospital, so he assumed that he searched \$67(2)(b) before taking him to the hospital, but he did not remember. Det. Zuccaro never pulled the front part of \$67(2)(b) so boxers out and looked inside at his private parts. Det. Zuccaro did not see any other detective conduct this action. Narcotics and buy money were found on \$67(2)(b) but Det. Zuccaro did not know where they found because he was not the detective who discovered them.

Subject Officer: DETECTIVE JOHN BULONE

- Det. Bulone is a white male, 6' tall, 260lbs, \$87(2)(b) with brown hair and brown eyes.
- On July 10, 2010, Det. Bulone worked from 8:27 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following day, was assigned to the Chase Car, worked with Det. Zuccaro, dressed in plainclothes and was the operator of the unmarked police vehicle.

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Memo Book

Det. Bulone had the following memo book entry regarding the incident: At 1:10 a.m., one under at 38th Avenue and 21st Street.

CCRB Testimony

On September 14, 2010, Det. Bulone was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 7A-E). Det. Bulone's statement was consistent with Det. Pecorella's testimony. He also corroborated on the additional information Det. Zuccaro provided.

Subject Officer: OFFICER DETECTIVE JOESELYN SANABRIA

- Det. Sanabria is a Hispanic male, 5'8" tall, 190lbs, with brown hair and brown eyes.
- On July 10, 2010, Det. Sanabria worked from 8:27 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following day, was assigned to the Leader Van, worked with Det. Pecorella and Sgt. Curran, dressed in plainclothes and was the operator of the unmarked police vehicle.

Memo Book

Det. Sanabria had the following memo book entry regarding the incident: At 1:10 a.m., one under at 38th Avenue and 21st Street.

CCRB Testimonv

On September 14, 2010, Det. Sanabria was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 8A-C). Det. Sanabria's statement was consistent with Det. Pecorella's testimony.

Subject Officer: DETECTIVE CLIFTON CLARKE

- Det. Clarke is a black male, 5'5" tall, 210 lbs, §87(2)(b) with black hair and brown eyes.
- On July 10, 2010, Det. Clarke worked from 8:27 p.m. to 5:01 a.m. the following day, was assigned to the prisoner van as the recorder, worked with Det. Julien and dressed in plainclothes.

Memo Book

Det. Clarke had the following memo book entry regarding the incident: 1:10 a.m., one under. 1:20 a.m., at \$87(2)(b)

CCRB Testimony

On September 22, 2010, Det. Clarke was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 9A-D). Det. Clarke's statement was consistent with Det. Pecorella's statement. He added the follow information.

ran towards Shell gas station and jumped into a civilian's vehicle which was parked at the gas station. It appeared as though the civilian has just finished getting gas. \$87(2)(b) screamed for the civilian to drive. This was a safety concern for Det. Clarke because \$87(2)(b) had placed a civilian into danger. Also, \$87(2)(b) was threatening the civilian to drive, so Det. Clarke was concerned \$87(2)(b) had a gun. Det. Clarke pointed his gun at \$87(2)(b) and told him to get out of the vehicle. \$87(2)(b) jumped out of the vehicle, and as soon as he got out, Det. Clarke put his gun down.

Witness Officer: SERGEANT TERRENCE CURRAN

• Sgt. Curran is a white male, 5'10" tall, 235lbs, \$87(2)(5) with brown hair and brown eyes.

Page 6 CCRB Case # 201010741 • On July 10, 2010, Sgt. Curran worked from 8:25 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following day, was assigned as the narcotics sergeant, worked with Det. Pecorella and Det. Sanabria, dressed in plainclothes and was the recorder of the unmarked police vehicle.

Memo Book

Sgt. Curran had the following memo book entry regarding the incident: At 1:10 a.m., one under at 40th Avenue and 21st Street. At 1:20 a.m., 98 (present) at \$\frac{867(2)(6)}{2}\$

CCRB Testimony

On September 17, 2010, Sgt. Curran was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 10A-D). Sgt. Curran's testimony was consistent with Det. Pecorella's statement.

Witness Officer: DETECTIVE DARREL JULIEN

- Det. Julien is a black male, 5'11" tall, 265lbs, §87(2)(b) with black hair and brown eyes.
- On July 10, 2010, Det. Julien worked from 8:27 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following day, was assigned to the Prisoner Van, worked with Det. Clarke, dressed in plainclothes and was the operator of the unmarked police vehicle.

Memo Book

Det. Julien had the following memo book entry regarding the incident: At 1:10 a.m., one under at 38th Avenue and 21st Street.

CCRB Testimony

On September 14, 2010, Det. Julien was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 11A-D). Det. Julien's statement was consistent with Det. Pecorella's testimony.

NYPD Documents

Arrest Report (encl. 12A-E)

The arrest report indicates that \$87(2)(b) sold a quantity of controlled substance and marijuana to an undercover police officer for a sum of U.S. currency. \$87(2)(b) did kick, punch and flail arms refusing to be handcuffed. \$87(2)(b) was still in possession of a quantity of marijuana.

Arrest Photo (encl 4D)

s arrest photo shows a cut underneath his right eye.

Status of Civil Proceedings (encl. 13A)

As of September 22, 2010, \$37(2)(b) has not filed a notice of claim in regard to the incident.

Arrest Disposition

[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

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	n Criminal History (encl. 14A-I)	
[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]	
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Civilia	n CCRB History	
•	This is the first CCRB complaint filed by \$87(2)(b) (encl. 2H).	
Subjec	t Officers CCRB History	
•	Det. Pecorella has been a member of the service for 12 years and there is on	ie
	substantiated CCRB allegation against him. § 87(4-b), § 87(2)(9)	
		(encl 2A.

- (encl. 2A-B).

 Det. Zuccaro has been a member of the service for 8 years and there is one substantiated
- Det. Zuccaro has been a member of the service for 8 years and there is one substantiated CCRB allegation against him. In case #200709264, abuse of authority allegations were pled against him for which he pled guilty and received a command discipline as well as instructions (encl. 2C-D).
- Det. Bulone has been a member of service for 8 years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2E).
- Det. Sanabria has been a member of service for 9 years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2F).
- Det. Clarke has been a member of service for 15 years and there is one substantiated allegation against him. In case #200816329, there was an abuse of authority allegation for which he received instructions (encl. 2G).

Conclusion

Identification of Subject Officers

- Det. Clarke, Det. Zuccaro, Det. Pecorella, Det. Bulone and Det. Sanabria admitted to interacting with §87(2)(b)
- \$87(2)(b) described the officers who had their guns pointed at him as white males. No officer admitted to pointing their gun but this action would have been justified. Therefore, Allegation C will be pled to "officers."

Allegations not Pled

Although \$87(2)(6) did not witness the detectives holding small objects, he speculated that he was beaten will small objects because the blows were severe. \$87(2)(9)

Investigative Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A – Abuse of Authority: Det. Clarke pointed his gun at \$87(2)(b)
All parties agree that §87(2)(b) jumped inside the passenger side window of an SUV that was
parked at the gas station and screamed for the driver to move. Det. Clarke testified that this was a
safety concern because \$87(2)(b) had placed another civilian in danger.
In the Police Department v. Gliner OATH Index No. 955/00 (2000) (encl. 1A-V), the policy of
the Police Department is such that an officer can draw his firearm and point it at another person
so long as he has a reasonable fear for his own or another's personal safety. The Department
permits an officer a broad discretion to display his weapon whenever he feels that his life or the
life of another is endangered. § 87(2)(9)
Allogation D. Forest Det Duren Zugegne struck paragraphy with a rehiste
Allegation B – Force: Det. Bryan Zuccaro struck 887(2)(b) with a vehicle.
alleged that, as he ran away from Shell gas station, the chase van drove next to him
on the left side. Det. Zuccaro opened the passenger side door as they were driving and the door
knocked \$87(2)(b) on the left side of his arm. \$87(2)(b) fell down and got back up. The van
swerved to the right and pulled in front of \$87(2)(b) so that he could not run forward, so
§ 87(2)(b) turned around and started running back towards the gas station, where he ran into more
officers.
Det. Zuccaro and Det. Bulone, however, testified that they were driving on the left side of
§87(2)(b) and then they pulled in front of him in order to block him from running further. They
came to a stop and Det. Zuccaro opened the passenger side door in order to jump out of the car.
ran up and pushed the door closed with both hands; he did not fall down. The entire
and ran into Det. Clarke; they both fell to the ground.
did not sustain any injuries as a result of making contact with the door.
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Allegation C – Force: Officers pointed their guns at § 87(2)(b)
All parties agree that \$87(2)(b) fled the scene, ran into a gas station, jumped into a civilian's
vehicle and continued to flee. \$87(2)(9)
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Allegation D – Force: Det. Clifton Clarke used physical force against \$87(2)(b) Allegation E – Force: Det. Kevin Pecorella used physical force against \$87(2)(b) Allegation F – Force: Det. Bryan Zuccaro used physical force against \$87(2)(b) Allegation G – Force: Det. John Bulone used physical force against \$87(2)(b) Allegation H – Force: Det. Joeselyn Sanabria used physical force against \$87(2)(b) S87(2)(b) testified that, after running from the detectives, four of them brought him to the ground and punched him for about one minute, during which \$87(2)(b) felt blows to his face and body. \$87(2)(b) believed that the officers were hitting him with small objects because the blows felt severe, but he did not see these small objects.
The detectives testified that \$87(2)(b) ran directly into Det. Clarke; both men collided heads and both fell backwards into each direction. Det. Clarke grabbed \$87(2)(b) s ankle so that he could not get away, but \$87(2)(b) jumped up. Then Det. Pecorella, Det. Zuccaro, Det. Bulone and Det. Sanabria brought him to the ground and struggled with him; they did not punch him or use small objects.
According to the NYPD Patrol Guide, section 203-11 (encl. 1X-Y), officers should only use the amount of force necessary to overcome resistance. \$87(2)(9)
Allegation I – Abuse of Authority: Det. Bryan Zuccaro strip-searched \$87(2)(b) All parties agree that \$87(2)(b) s pants fell down during the struggle. \$87(2)(b) alleged that Det. Zuccaro pulled the front of \$87(2)(b) s boxer briefs out about four inches and looked inside exposing \$87(2)(b) s private parts to Det. Zuccaro. Then Det. Zuccaro pulled out a couple bags of marijuana out of the front flap of \$87(2)(b) s boxers.
Det. Zuccaro denied looking inside \$87(2)(b) s boxers but stated that he might have searched him before going to the hospital. Det. Pecorella, the arresting officer, also denied looking inside s boxers but stated that he could have searched him incident to arrest. Det. Julien believed the drugs were found in the top, front part of \$37(2)(b) s boxers but he did not conduct the search. All detectives were unsure where the drugs and the buy money were found and there is no documentation in regards. \$87(2)(g)

Team:		:
Investigator:Signature	Print	Date
Supervisor:Title/Signature	Print	Date
Reviewer: Title/Signature	Print	Date
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